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## Air Warning Week Is Observed Here More Watchers Wanted

Men and women in Northfield who wear no uniforms serve with the Air Corps. These patriotic citizens perform duties which are vitally important to defense. They will have an important place in history.

These men and women report planes flying over this area to an Information Center where each flight is plotted.

Throughout New England there are thousands of observers watching the skies night and day. When a plane passes within sight or hearing of an observation post it is reported to an Information Center. These reports are evaluated and relayed to the Operations Room where the course of each flight is plotted on huge maps.

Officials of the Army, Navy, Anti-Aircraft and all civilian defense units watch the progress of each flight from a balcony. Each officer knows where the planes of his unit are at all times and identifies each flight as it appears on the map.

In the event a plane cannot be identified, a controller contacts squadron leaders at the aviation fields and fighter pilots zoom into the sky to investigate and if necessary fight off invaders. At night a blackout would be ordered instantly and all defense units would go into action. Search lights would sweep the skies and Anti-Aircraft units would man their guns.

While it is the primary purpose of these men and women to guard against the invader, they perform an important function every day. Pilots flying over this area on training flights frequently become lost and depend upon these civilians to tell the Information Center of their whereabouts. In the event of a crash, aid can be dispatched almost instantaneous because of these ground observers who are on the job night and day.

During summer months, there is an increase in aerial activity and more men and women are urgently needed at the local observation post now. A few days ago Colonel Merrick, Commanding Officer of the Boston Fighter Wing which protects this section appealed to the citizens of Northfield for volunteers for this important work. No special training is necessary and a new work can be become skilled at this duty after a few easy lessons.

Many of the volunteers serving at the observation post have civilian jobs yet find time to carry on a share of this activity. A volunteer can select hours which will not conflict with his daily routine. If you can devote a few hours of your time morning, afternoon or evening each week you will be more than welcome.

Chief Observer F. Warren Whitman is assisting the First Fighter Command in its drive for volunteers here and he will be glad to tell volunteers how they may register for this service. His phone number is 547.

## Secured License To Wed

From New York city comes a report that Miss Ruth Elise Ruhl, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Hesler C. Ruhl of the Ashuelot road, of this town and Benjamin Taylor Hannah of the USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hannah of Knoxville, Tenn., secured a license to marry in the office of the city clerk in New York city on Saturday, August 7. Miss Ruhl is an instructor with the International Business Machines Co. The day of the wedding was not divulged by them.

## Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Voorhees of Windsor, Conn., and summer residents of Northfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice R. Voorhees to Jerome J. Rutherford of Antrim, N. H. The wedding will take place in the early fall. Miss Voorhees is a granddaughter of Mrs. William S. Voorhees of Mendham, N. J., and East Northfield.

## "Heavenly Destiny" Book By Local Author On Life Of Mrs. Moody

PUBLICATION this fall of the first book to be written on the life of Mrs. Dwight L. Moody has just been announced here. It's appearance will be an important part of the observance of the 100th anniversary of her birth. Although fifty-six books have been written about her husband, the world-famous evangelist and teacher of the late 19th century who founded the Northfield Schools, most of the material in the forthcoming book about Mrs. Moody has never appeared in print.

Under the title of "Heavenly Destiny"—the life story of Emma Revell Moody will be published by the Moody Press of Chicago, an organization whose foundation was also laid by D. L. Moody. The author, Mrs. Emma Moody Powell, is the oldest living granddaughter of Mrs. Moody.

Announcement of the book was made during the Northfield General Conference, which has been held here annually since it was founded by Mr. Moody in 1880.

## Graduates Class Of Nine Hermon Summer School

Mount Hermon School's first off-season Commencement under the new accelerated program was held Friday afternoon, August 13 at the close of an eight-weeks' summer session. Nine boys were granted diplomas and 51 more received a semester's credit leading to January graduation. Total enrollment of the Summer School was 90.

Mount Hermon's headmaster, Dr. William E. Park, delivered the Commencement address and presented the diplomas in the brief ceremony in which Mr. W. Howard Niblock, director of the Summer School, also participated.

The graduates were the following: Keith Allen, Robert M. Benbow, Robert M. Kenney, Donald N. Lindell, Robert E. Smith, Donald E. Stevens, Charles R. Thompson, William R. Tethill and John R. Finch.

## Mrs. Bess Whittle Dies

Mrs. Bess Frary Whittle, widow of the late Charles Everett Whittle, died on Friday, August 6th after a long illness. She had made her home in Marblehead for several years, although formerly was a resident of this town on Highland Ave. Her husband was the son of Major D. W. Whittle, well known in the early days of the activities of Dwight L. Moody, and he was also a brother of Mrs. William R. Moody. She was born in Jonesboro, Vt., in 1868 and was a sister of E. S. Frary of this town. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Rice and Mrs. Ronald M. Easley both of Marblehead. Funeral services were held at the Homestead, the home of Mrs. Moody, on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## Local Boy Promoted For Pilot Training

From Maxwell Field, near Montgomery, Alabama, comes the information that "Ted" Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Powell of this town, is advanced for a course of nine weeks' training in the Army Air Force pre-flight school for pilots. As an aviation cadet he will undergo intensive military, physical and academic training, preparatory to actual flight instruction. "Ted" is a graduate of Mount Hermon school and has a host of friends in this community interested in his career in the service.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to all of the friends and neighbors who were so kind and sympathetic after the sudden death of my beloved mother, Mary M. Nye, and for the many beautiful flowers which were sent at the time of the funeral. I deeply appreciate the many acts of kindness to me.

Nellie R. Nye  
163 Main St.  
East Northfield

## Rev. Merrill Moore Dr. Arthur L. Berger Local Church Speakers

In the announcement of services at the local Congregational church for Sunday, August 22, which begins at 11 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Edward C. Dahl, will preach in the morning and in the evening at 8 o'clock the sermon will be by Rev. Merrill Miles Moore, a native of this town and a graduate of Mount Hermon school, who is Rector of Trinity Episcopal church of Bethlehem, Pa.

On Sunday, August 29, again the morning service will be conducted by the pastor, and in the evening the speaker will be the Rev. Arthur L. Berger, pastor of the Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian church of Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Berger is a summer resident of this town and has just been re-elected president of the Rustic Ridge Association. The public are cordially invited to attend these services. On Thursday evenings the prayer meeting will be held at the church at 7:30 o'clock. Choir rehearsals will be Sunday mornings at ten o'clock. Each Tuesday morning, this month, Mr. Dahl will conduct devotions over WHAI at 9 o'clock.

Information is received that Robert D. Kirk, son of Mrs. Hazel D. Kirk of New Haven, Conn., has been classified as a pilot, at the classification center at Nashville, Tenn., and has been transferred to Maxwell Field in Alabama. Robert Kirk attended Mount Hermon school and graduated in 1941. He was employed in the accounting department of the Southern New England Telephone Co. at New Haven and enlisted as an aviation cadet, January 30 of this year. He has received his training at Atlantic City and at Seymour Johnson Field in Goldsboro, N. C. He then pursued a course at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa. Robert while at Hermon and since has featured in music. At Hermon he was a member of the choir during '40 and '41, of the Glee Club, the quartette and the "A Capella" and was awarded a music prize at his graduation. At New Haven he sang with the Telephone Glee Club, the University Glee club and sang with several church choirs. He has proven that he has marked musical ability and his many friends here and elsewhere follow his career with much interest. In cordial greeting get him "safe flying".

The work of remodeling the basement of the Advent Christian church is nearing completion. It will provide more room for the religious and social activities of the church and Sunday school and of the various organizations. The cost of the work will be met by voluntary contributions.

Mrs. Julia Ennis who has spent the winter at Warren, Ohio, has returned to her home here. She will also visit relatives at Amherst and Northampton.

Miss Alma Dunklee is one of the counselors of the 4-H camp now being conducted at West Townshead.

Mr. Raymond Plotcyc of Hartford has returned to his post after spending a 14 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Plotcyc.

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Use of "B" or "C" coupons is not allowed, and only one trip is authorized. The speedometer reading must be given, as well as date of departure and return.

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**TOWN TOPICS**

Rev. Dr. J. L. Peacock of Saxtons River, Vt., who is at his summer home on the Ridge, was the preacher at the services of the Calvary Baptist church at Westerly, R. I., on Sunday, August 8. He had formerly served the church as minister for five years.

Miss Betsey Voorhees of Morris Plains, N. J., is spending some time with her grandmother, Mrs. William Voorhees at her cottage in Pine Grove.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. McDermott of Brooklyn are at their summer cottage in Mountain Park for the month of August.

Miss Elsie Watson has arrived from Detroit to spend the remainder of the summer vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson of Winchester Road.

Ernest N. Kirmann of the faculty of the Northfield schools is taking a course of study at Harvard this summer.

Mrs. Emily Kirk of the Seminary has gone for a visit with relatives this month at Wayne, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage of this town have conveyed to Rev. and Mrs. Crawford of Netcong, N. J., title to a plot of ground, containing about an acre, on the easterly side of the Winchester road, north of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olds.

An opportunity is offered women to become manual occupation trainees with the Navy—at air stations at Quonset, R. I., by competitive examination. Information at the East Northfield postoffice.

From the San Antonio, Texas, Aviation Center comes a report that 129 young men from Massachusetts are enrolled for a course in pre-flight training and among the number is Earle M. Smith from Mount Hermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Parker of the Farms recently spent a few days at his camp in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Henry Lyman of Springfield, who has spent the summer at his residence on Maple Street, has not been in the best of health for some time and on July 24th it was necessary to return him to his home and then to a hospital where he underwent a serious operation. Information received is that he is making a rapid recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon of West Brattleboro are at their summer cottage in the Pine Grove section of Rustic Ridge.

Wesley G. Atkins and members of his family are at Pine Lodge, their summer home on Rustic Ridge.

Mrs. Herbert P. Bruce and her daughter, Miss Dorothy Bruce are spending the summer at their cottage on the Ridge.

Rev. David O. Cowles and members of his family of East Orange, N. J., are at "Fernwold," their summer home on the Ridge.

Miss Virginia Powell who is with the Red Cross hospital station at Fort Devens, is enjoying a brief vacation at her home here.

Miss Elsie E. Tenney is spending a month's vacation from her work at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tenney of the Farms.

Pvt. Robert L. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Miller has been transferred from Camp Pickett, Va., to the Walter Reed hospital at Washington for training as a surgical technician.

The summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of Providence, on Myrtle Street in Mountain Park, beside being occupied by them, have had as guests, Mrs. Harold Ray and children; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray and children and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scanlon and family.

Birch-bower, the summer home of Mrs. Maude N. Voris of Jamaica, N. Y., is now occupied by her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Laestadius of Brooklyn for their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Randolph and family of Westfield, N. J., are now at the home of her mother, Mrs. David Tomkins on Winchester Road.

Rev. Dr. J. Glover Johnson of Mount Hermon school was the speaker at the Union church services in Greenfield last Sunday at the First Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gingras of the Northfield Pharmacy attended a representatives' meeting and dinner in Manchester, N. H., of the Rexall corporation last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howard are moving to Amherst to make their home, where he has secured a position.

Miss Helen L. Small of East Greenwich, R. I., and Lieut. Jefferson J. Weishaar Jr. of the USNR Dental corps were married in Riverside church, New York, Saturday, August 14. The bride is a graduate of the Seminary.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Margaret Robinson of Ithaca, N. Y., to Dr. Bruce M. Cooper of East Angus, Quebec, who is now in the Royal Canadian medical corps. Miss Robinson is an alumna of Northfield Seminary.

Mrs. A. E. Davis of the Seminary staff spent a few days here recently of her summer vacation, accompanied by her son and wife, Lieut. and Mrs. A. A. Davis of Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Sarah K. Smith of Grand Rapids, Mich., who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell has returned to her home.

Mrs. Constance Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. St. John Harvey, summer residents of this town, who recently graduated from the Northampton training school for the WAVES, is now an Ensign and has been ordered to Washington for duty.

Rev. Arthur Heeb, pastor of the local Unitarian church, who is on vacation was the preacher at the services of the First Parish Congregational church in Gilmanton, N. H., for the past two Sundays.

Miss James Dunbar of Detroit is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson on Winchester Road. She is a sister of Mr. Watson. Mr. and Mrs. James Dyson of New Britain, Conn., are also guests at their home. Mrs. Dyson is a sister of Mrs. Watson.

Miss Alta M. Hale of West Cheshire, Conn., was a recent visitor at her cottage on Rustic Ridge.

According to an entry at the Registry, Rev. Philip T. Phelps of this town has deeded to Elizabeth T. Otte Scholten of Neshanic, N. J., land and buildings on Rustic Ridge, between East Lane and Pine Road.

Mrs. R. H. Townner of Reno, Nevada, is making a stay at her beautiful home at Vernon, attending to some repairs and other work. She will also visit with her father, Rev. Owen Washburn in Guilford. She has already greeted many friends in Northfield.

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